PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, more than 70 million Americans will choose recreational boating as a way to relax in 2001; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, tragedies do occur on the water; and

WHEREAS, responsible boat operators learn about their boats, safety equipment, the environment in which they operate and their own abilities and limitations; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing that hundreds of lives could be saved each year by spreading safe boating information to the public, the Congress of the United States requested the President to proclaim annually one week as National Safe Boating Week; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, during the boating season, has trained Vessel Safety Examiners available at public boat ramps, marinas, campgrounds and other locations for voluntary, free examinations to assist boat owners in learning about the need and requirements for proper safety equipment and to encourage safe boating; and

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Alexandria, Virginia, affirm and support the goals of National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25, 2001 and the Coast Guard Auxiliary's effort to promote recreational boating safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2001, as:

"NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK"

in the City of Alexandria and further urge all those who use our waterways to acquire skills and knowledge to maintain their own safety and the safety of those around them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24th day of April 2001.

KERRY J. DONLEY MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council

of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:	
Beverly I. Jett. CMC	City Clerk

FLOTILLA 14-2 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



April 24, 2001

To the Alexandria City Council

Flotilla 14-2, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, expresses its appreciation to the City of Alexandria, Mayor Kerry J. Donley and the Alexandria City Council for their efforts to promote safe boating among city residents and visitors to local waters by proclaiming May 19-25 National Safe Boating Week in the City of Alexandria.

This proclamation adds an important element to the ongoing mission of Flotilla 14-2, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the United States Coast Guard to provide a safe and enjoyable on-water experience for recreational boaters in Northern Virginia and throughout the nation.

This year's safe boating message is "Boat Smart from the Start - Wear your life jacket." The campaign will feature "Saved by the Jacket" stories from people whose lives were saved - or who were able to save others - only because they were wearing a life jacket.

Flotilla 14-2 is proud to be known as the "Alexandria" flotilla and to be able to work with the City of Alexandria in encouraging all who enjoy the waters of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay to Boat Smart from the Start.

Sincerely,

John R. Wenzel

Flotilla Commander